

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants greatly appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter, to which the application has been limited.

Specifically, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate allowable Claim 4. This incorporation necessarily includes the limitations of intervening Claim 3, which defined the same variables as did allowable Claim 4 (i.e., R₁, A, X, etc.). Because R₁ can no longer be a dimethylamino group or a methylethylamino group the provisos at the end of Claim 1 have been eliminated as superfluous. Allowable Claim 5 now depends from allowable Claim 1.

Allowable Claim 8 has been placed in independent form, incorporating the limitations of intervening Claims 6 and 7. The proviso from Claim 6 regarding a dimethylamino group is again not necessary in view of the definition of R₁. Allowable Claim 9 depends from allowable Claim 8.

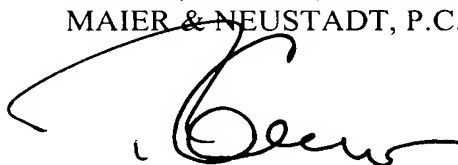
Claim 20 has been limited to the subject matter of allowable Claims 21- 27 (see page 9, bottom, of the Official Action). Allowable Claims 28 and 29 are in independent form.

Finally, Applicants have left Claims 17 - 19 pending, and have prepared a parallel set of claims (New Claims 33 and 34), all of which are directed to a method for preparing the allowable compounds. These claims are themselves allowable as they require all the limitations of the allowable claims. *See, In re Ochiai*, 37 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed. Cir. 1995).

Accordingly, Applicants request an early Notice of Allowance.

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